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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 16497.1.1.4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
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	Michael T. Carley, et al.	)
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Serial No.:	10/616,832	) Art Unit
		) 3733
Filed:	July 9, 2003	)
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Conf No.:	2679	)
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For:	CLOSURE DEVICE AND METHODS	)
	FOR MAKING AND USING THEM	)
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Examiner:	James L. Swiger	)
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Customer No.:	057360	)

**AMENDMENT "A"**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.